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*Macbeth*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Character Analysis

Evidence Review & Thesis Statement

1. Carefully review both your evidence list and the list of character traits. Label each piece of evidence with the trait, or traits, it illustrates.
2. Look over your evidence and the traits. Do you see any significant patterns? Which traits show up the most for your character? Select the THREE most prominent traits, OR select the THREE traits that come together to create a significant aspect of your character.
3. For this essay, we will use a three pronged thesis statement, which will set up the organization of the body of the essay. Review the three generic thesis statements provided below. Select the one that best fits your ideas. (Remember that you can always revise your thesis statement.) Fill in the name of your chosen character and the three traits that you will prove that he/she has.

**Thesis A**

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thesis B**

A close analysis of \_\_\_\_\_'s language reveals a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ human being.

**Thesis C**

\_\_\_\_\_ is able to \_\_\_\_\_ because he/she is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Now, write out the dictionary definition for the THREE traits that you put in your thesis.

**Definition for Trait #1:**

**Definition for Trait #2:**

**Definition for Trait #3:**

## Describing a Character

aggressive

agonized

ambitious

apologetic

ashamed

bitter

calm

cautious

competitive

confident

courageous

cowardly

critical

curious

determined

diplomatic

dishonest

dissatisfied

domineering

eager

enthusiastic

envious

focused

forgiving

generous

happy

heartless

honest

hopeful

imaginative

independent

insecure

insightful

kind

loyal

manipulative

naive

outgoing

passive

prudent

reflective

revengeful

ruthless

sad

satisfied

self-centered

sentimental

skeptical

shy

sincere

spontaneous

stingy

suspicious

treacherous

trusting

trustworthy

unimaginative

reckless